# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
# LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF HELIPADS
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is now focusing on chopper operations in the country and working out plans to declare 2008 as the `Year for the Helicopter`;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hospitals like AIIMS sought to construct a helipad to facilitate its trauma centre;

(d) if so, the reaction on the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide chopper services for certain major hospitals of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)
(a) and (b):- The Government has planned to declare 2008 as the year of the Helicopter. The purpose is to bring awareness in the minds of public on the various uses of helicopters and to give a boost to helicopter operations in the country. During the year 2008, meetings and seminars will be organised with helicopter operators and the regulatory authorities like Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Airports Authority of India (AAI), Ministry of Defence etc., to examine and remove the obstacles in the smooth operations of helicopters in the country.

(c) and (d):- All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) requested for grant of permission for landing of helicopter on the elevated helipad at Jai Prakash Narain Apex Trauma Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi in August, 2007. AIIMS was advised to follow the guidelines for authorisation for elevated (roof top) helipad and guidelines for preparation of helipad as per Civil Aviation Requirements and prepare Standard Operating Procedures for operation of helicopters from the proposed helipads.

(e):- No, Sir.

(f):- Does not arise.